



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## CONCLUSION OF THE "CHOOSE TO REFUSE" ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

The Counter Narcotics Alliance, in partnership with the Tucson Police Department and the Meth Free Alliance has concluded its "Choose to Refuse" Anti-Drug Campaign. A news conference will be held Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Tucson Police Department West Side Police Service Center, 1310 West Miracle Mile.

Chief Villasenor and other participants will present an overview of the campaign and screen a montage of the television public service announcements (PSA's) that have been used during the past 5 years. These PSA's have been used to reach out to the citizens of Pima County with information about the dangers of methamphetamine, keeping prescription drugs safe in one's home, raising awareness and participation in community policing and offering solutions and resources to citizens with drug issues – either personally or within their families.

The campaign partnered with a number of community organizations, schools, and non-profits to carry the message "Choose to Refuse". It was funded by a grant provided by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Members of the Counter Narcotics Alliance, Tucson Police Chief Roberto Villasenor and a number of other participants and private citizens involved in the campaign will be available for interviews.

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